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Director
Office of Child Care
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Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how Bois Forte Tribal Government] plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA).

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- Bois Forte will work toward updating our selection (points) system to include health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers. This selection system will give points to families that fit this category. By adding points to this category it will give families that fit these areas more points, thus adding more of an opportunity of getting a child care slot. By providing these slots to the categories listed above, more funds will be designated for direct child care services for children whose parents or guardians are these workers. Bois Forte operates two centers that are located approximately fifty four miles apart.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- Since the start of Covid-19 Bois Forte has been working closely with the reservation's Health Care department. All state and local health and safety practices have been followed and when necessary Bois Forte's Health Care department has been contacted for guidance. Bois Forte Early Childhood will use funds to purchase more shoes, pants, shirts for staff to wear while at the centers providing child care services. We will also continue to purchase cleaning and disinfecting supplies such as Lysol, bleach, disposable gloves, Clorox wipes, child safe hand sanitizer, disposable masks and any other necessary supplies to help fight the spread of Covid-19. Bois

Forte will also pay for staff to participate in any available trainings pertaining to health and safety.

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- Bois Forte will designate some funds to operating expenses such as rent, electric, water and sanitation, garbage and telephone.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- Bois Forte will not have a plan to this portion as we only operate two centers.
- **Other:** Bois Forte will purchase a new computer for our Family Resource room and make it “Zoom” compatible for families that may need to use it. This room is cleaned and sanitized after each use. Due to the need for storage, cabinets will be purchased and installed for storage of program supplies. Take home learning materials, classroom materials and supplies for “family fun nights” will also be purchased.

The Bois Forte Tribal Government will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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